

CMS Hospice Public Reporting Key Dates for Providers

CMS encourages providers to be familiar with the important dates outlined in the tables below. Beginning with the November 2019 Hospice Compare refresh, providers will need to submit all HIS modification or inactivation records prior to the 4.5 month data correction deadline for public reporting for the modifications to be reflected in the corresponding HIS Provider Preview Report and Hospice Compare refresh.

This means that providers will have 4.5 months following the end of each calendar year (CY) quarter to review and correct their HIS records with target dates (which is the admission date for HIS-Admission records and discharge date for HIS-Discharge record) in that quarter for public reporting. After this 4.5 month data correction deadline has passed, HIS data from that calendar quarter will be permanently frozen for the purposes of public reporting. Updates made after the correction deadline will **not appear** in any subsequent Hospice Compare refresh. This policy is at the HIS record-level, meaning a patient's HIS-Admission and HIS-Discharge records may have different data correction deadlines.

Hospice Compare Refresh Schedule, Preview Periods, and Data Correction Deadlines

Refresh Date	May 2019	August 2019	November 2019	February 2020
Refresh Reflects Patient Stays Discharged for Quarters (HIS)	Quarter 3, 2017– Quarter 2, 2018	Quarter 4, 2017– Quarter 3 2018	Quarter 1 2018– Quarter 4 2018	Quarter 2 2018– Quarter 1 2019
CAHPS Quarters included in Refresh (Dates refer to patients' dates of death)	Quarter 3, 2016– Quarter 2, 2018	Quarter 4, 2016– Quarter 3, 2018	Quarter 1 2017–Quarter 4 2018	Quarter 2 2017– Quarter 1 2019
HIS Data Freeze Date <i>Providers submit HIS Modification and Inactivation Records by this date for changes to be reflected in the next Provider Preview Reports and Hospice Compare Refresh. (HIS records to be submitted and accepted into the QIES ASAP system by 11:59:59 p.m. E.T.)</i>	2/15/2019	5/15/2019	*NA	*NA
HIS and CAHPS Provider Preview Reports Available in CASPER Folder	03/01/2019	05/30/2019	09/02/2019	12/02/2019

Refresh Date	May 2019	August 2019	November 2019	February 2020
30-Day HIS and CAHPS Provider Preview Period <i>Requests for CMS review of HIS or CAHPS data must be submitted by 11:59:59 p.m. E.T. on day 30 of the preview period</i>	03/01/2019-03/31/2019	05/30/2019-07/01/2019	09/02/2019-10/2/2019	12/02/2019-01/02/2020

*The November 2019 Hospice Compare refresh occurs after the 4.5 month data correction deadline for public reporting was implemented and after the “freeze date” was phased out. Therefore, the “freeze date” will no longer be required for Hospice Compare refreshes starting with the November 2019 refresh, and instead all data must be corrected by the new data correction deadline to be reflected on Hospice Compare.

Upcoming Data Correction Deadlines for Public Reporting

Target Date of HIS Record	HIS Record Data Correction Deadline for Public Reporting (11:59:59 p.m. E.T.)
Quarter 1, (01/01/19–03/31/19)	August 15, 2019
Quarter 2, (04/01/19–06/30/19)	November 15, 2019
Quarter 3, (07/1/19–09/30/19)	February 15, 2020
Quarter 4, (10/1/19–12/31/19)	May 15, 2020

CMS encourages providers to review quality measure data early and often using their CASPER QM Reports and not wait until the 4.5 month data correction deadline for public reporting to submit any necessary HIS corrections. For more information on how providers can use their CASPER QM Reports to review data please see the CASPER QM Reports Fact Sheet in the **Downloads** section of the [HQRP Requirements and Best Practices](#) webpage.